

TWO HARTFORD SCHOOLS MAKE TOP 20 LIST

(HARTFORD, July 20, 2005) – Hartford Magazine has named two of Hartford Public Schools in their recent list of Greater Hartford's Top 20 High Schools.

The August 2005 edition of the monthly publication names the Greater Hartford Classical Magnet School and the Sport & Medical Sciences Academy in their selection of best high schools this year.

"To be named in the Top 20 list of high schools is quite an honor and accomplishment," said Robert Henry, Superintendent of Hartford Public Schools. "We congratulate our students, staff and parents."

The Top 20 list was compiled after speaking to college admissions officials throughout Connecticut and New England. The high schools selected were the schools mentioned most frequently by the college representatives.

Among the schools polled were Eastern Connecticut State University, Southern Connecticut State University, Western Connecticut State University, University of Hartford, Trinity College, Wesleyan University, Yale University, Saint Michael's College, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Smith College, Skidmore College, Union College, Florida Southern College, University of Miami in Florida, McDaniel College and Ohio Wesleyan University.

The magazine states, "... with competition to get into the best colleges increasing every year, with a flurry of new themed magnet high schools opening to students throughout Greater Hartford and with plenty of financial-aid packages and diversity programs making private schools available to a wider cross-section of the region's population, knowing the best high schools in and around Hartford arguably has never been more important."

More information on the list of Greater Hartford's Top 20 High Schools is available at Hartford Magazine's website at <http://www.hartfordmag.com>.